



## Long Beach Police Department

# Crime Watch News

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## COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION MEETING

### USE OF FORCE: WEAPONLESS DEFENSE TACTICS USED BY OUR OFFICERS

**Wednesday**  
**April 21, 2004**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Join us for an informative evening with Academy Weaponless Defense Instructors, Officer Larry Jones and Officer James Schlobohm. Their past presentations on weaponless defense tactics have been outstanding! They're always a hit with everyone, young and old!**

***Don't forget to bring your friends and family!***

### Upcoming Events/Volunteer Opportunities

- April 3, 2004, Saturday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
[Rape Prevention & Self Defense 101: For College Bound Students and Parents](#)  
Police Chief's Women's Advisory Group & the Sexual Assault Crisis Agency (SACA)  
Long Beach City College Pacific Coast Campus, Dryer Hall  
For further information and reservation, contact SACA: 562-494-5046
- April 10, 2004, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
[Madres Unidas Neighborhood Association Health and Safety Fair](#)  
Admiral Kidd Park, 2125 Santa Fe Avenue  
For further information contact Magna Gonzalez: 562-570-5087
- April 13-14, 2004, Tuesday (Spanish) Wednesday (English), 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
[Awareness and Recognition of Child Abuse Forum](#)  
Chief's Latino Advisory Group and St. Athanasius Catholic Church  
St. Athanasius Catholic Church, 5390 Linden Avenue  
For further information contact PSA Adriana Ramirez: 562-570-7274
- April 30, 2004, Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.  
[2nd Annual Project Band Aid, Battle of the Bands](#)  
American Red Cross, 1545 W. 31st Street  
For further information contact Lisa Nicholson: 562-595-6341 Ext. 263

## *Long Beach Police Department's 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Luncheon*

*May 25, 2004*

*Long Beach Convention & Entertainment Center*

*Grand Ballroom*

*300 East Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach*

*11:15 a.m. – Reception*

*12:00 p.m. – Luncheon / Presentations*

### *To purchase tickets:*

**In person:** Monday - Friday / 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Community Relations Office  
333 W. Broadway, Suite 100, Long Beach

**By mail:** Long Beach Police Department  
Community Relations Division  
100 Long Beach Boulevard  
Long Beach, CA 90802

**\$30.00 per ticket / \$300 for a table of 10**

**Make checks payable to: City of Long Beach**

Additional sponsorship opportunities are also available. To be acknowledged as a sponsor in the Commemorative Program, payment must be received by Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

For more information, call (562) 570-7215

## **Don't Become a Victim!**

*Though this has not  
yet happened in  
Long Beach...*

*Be Aware ... Be Safe*

*Imagine . . .*

*You walk across the parking lot, unlock your car and get inside. Then you lock all your doors, start the engine and shift into REVERSE.*

*You turn around, look through the rear window and begin to back out of your parking space. At the same time, you notice a piece of paper, some sort of advertisement stuck to your rear window.*

*You shift into PARK, unlock your doors and jump out to remove the paper (or whatever it is) that is obstructing your view...*

*When you reach the back of your car, the carjackers jump out of nowhere... jump into your car and take off!*

*Your engine was running, your purse or wallet is in the car, and they practically mow you down as they speed off in your car.*

*This new scheme has occurred elsewhere in the United States....don't let it happen to you!*

*Leave the paper on the window. Drive away to a safe public place and then remove it. Be thankful that you read this article and that you shared it with your friends, too.*



## FREE GUN LOCKS

City of Long Beach  
Working Together to Serve

The City of Long Beach has received 5,000 cable-style gun locks that are now available, free of charge, to all Long Beach residents, 18 years and older. The gun locks have been provided to the City by "Project Child Safe," a nationwide initiative to raise awareness about safe and responsible firearm ownership and storage. Information regarding safe handling and proper storage procedures will also be provided.



**Do NOT bring the weapon with you when you come to pick up the lock!**

### LOCKS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

- **All Long Beach Police Sub-Stations**
- **All Community Police Centers:**  
Anaheim Street Community Police Center  
1320 Gaviota Avenue 570-1691  
7th Street Community Police Center  
1004 E. 7th Street 570-1114  
Willmore Community Police Center  
539 W. 9th Street 570-1146  
Wrigley Community Police Center  
2032 Pacific Avenue 570-1100
- **The Neighborhood Resource Center**  
425 Atlantic Avenue 570-1010

For additional information, please contact the Long Beach Police Department's Community Relations Division at (562) 570-7215

*\*By accepting this firearm safety device donated to the City, you agree to hold the City of Long Beach free of any responsibility for its use or any device malfunction.*



## Removal and prevention-Part II

### Don't ignore the problem!

Long Beach Municipal Code section 8.58.030 states that the existence of graffiti upon any property is expressly declared to be a public nuisance. "It shall be the duty of both the owner of the lot and any person who may be in possession or who has a right to such possession to at all times keep such lot clean and free from graffiti."

If it appears that property owners are not cooperating in keeping their property graffiti free, they may be referred to Code Enforcement, who may impose both penalties and fines.

Do your part by refusing to be a victim. Take responsibility and demonstrate civic pride in joining the movement toward graffiti eradication. Report graffiti whenever you see it. Even if it is not on your own property, report it to the Graffiti Hotline (562) 570-2773.

*If you witness a tagger committing an act of vandalism, call 911. If you provide information which leads to the arrest and conviction of the suspect, you could receive a cash reward. You may also report these crimes anonymously.*



### Warning to parents...

Parents can be held responsible for the crimes that their children commit and may have to pay restitution to the victim. It is illegal for a minor to possess spray paint, marking pens and etching tools, unless they have a legitimate reason to do so. If you suspect that your child is involved in graffiti, contact the Police Department at (562) 435-6711.

### Signs to look for:

- Tags or nicknames on backpacks, notebooks or skateboards
- Markings in their bedroom or on their personal property
- Possession of marking pens, spray paint or glass etching tools
- Spray paint or markings on their hands and fingertips



### is available...

#### Free Paint Voucher Program

This program is administered by the Department of Community Development. This program offers one free gallon of paint per person to cover graffiti within Long Beach. Please call (562) 570-2773.

#### Graffiti Prevention Landscape Program

This program offers up to \$1,000 to owners of commercial and large residential properties that are graffiti targets. The funds can be used for plants, planters, concrete removal materials or labor to defend against graffiti. For more information call (562) 570-6866.

#### Graffiti Removal Hotline

For graffiti on Long Beach property, contact the Graffiti Hotline at (562) 570-2773. Gang affiliated graffiti, or graffiti which contains racial slurs, profanity or is violent in nature will be removed within 24 hours. Other graffiti should be removed within 72 hours.

#### LA County Property

Graffiti outside the City of Long Beach, within L.A. County, should be reported at (800) 675-4357. (This includes flood control structures.)

#### Graffiti on Freeways

For graffiti on freeways, excluding underpasses and exterior walls, contact Cal Trans at (310) 342-6161. Report graffiti on freeway signs to (213) 620-3991.

**You can also call our Crime Prevention Unit for a free anti-graffiti inspection (562) 570-7215**



## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH SUCCESS STORIES

### EAST LONG BEACH ROBBERY SUSPECT CAUGHT!!

*Please share your own Neighborhood Watch Success Story by sending an article to the Community Relations Division, or e-mail it to [Lisa\\_Massacani@longbeach.gov](mailto:Lisa_Massacani@longbeach.gov).*

Last month, our Robbery Detail asked us to inform you of a series of robberies occurring in the East Long Beach area. These robberies had been occurring since November of 2003. In most cases, the victims drove their vehicle to a driveway or garage and were approached by a lone male suspect with a handgun. The suspect demanded money and or property such as a purse or wallet and fled on foot to a nearby vehicle. Suspects targeted were both male and female, singles and couples.

Shortly after the March **CrimeWatch News** was sent out, East Division Community Policing Sergeant Jerry Gibbs initiated a traffic stop which resulted in the arrest of a suspect who has been charged with multiple counts of robbery. He is currently in custody and is awaiting further court proceedings.

***The best news is that the robberies have ceased since his capture!!***

*Kudos to Sergeant Jerry Gibbs, his East Division Community Policing Team and to all those who have been involved in solving this crime!!*



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